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## Hon. C. R. Thomas Writes for Power

The following is copy of letter written by one of Waynesville progressive citizens in an effort to help power development proceedings:

January 23, 1926.

Hon. George W. Norris,  
U. S. Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

(Copy)  
Having served with you in the House of Representatives during the 58th to 61st Congresses inclusive and during that period having been associated with you as a member of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and therefore from my personal knowledge knowing and realizing both your constant desire to serve not only your own State of Nebraska, which has elected you five times to the House of Representatives and three times United States Senator, but also to serve the whole country including the South, and your sense of justice and fairness. I am writing you in regard to a matter which came before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry on last Monday, and which I trust has already been settled in your own mind favorably to the request of the delegation from Asheville, N. C., which appeared before your Committee.

My brief letter is therefore merely in a personal way to supplement whatever has been already presented to the Committee and to you as Chairman, in the said matter.

I refer to the hearing upon your joint resolution (S. J. Res. 35) "to suspend the jurisdiction, power, and authority of the Federal Power Commission to issue licenses on the Tennessee River and its tributaries until the Congress has taken final action for the control, operation or disposition of Dam No. 2 on said river, at Muscle Shoals, Ala.," introduced in the Senate January 4, 1925.

I am agreeably informed that you have probably determined in your own mind to do nothing which would affect or retard the progress of the project already begun and in which large investment has been made by private enterprise, and for which a temporary Federal permit has been granted, known as the hydro-electric power development on Pigeon River in Western North Carolina, near Waynesville and Asheville.

Since my retirement from Congress and return to the active practice of the law at my old home New Bern, and within the last twelve months I have removed to Waynesville in Western North Carolina on account of the of this climate, and am familiar with the above named project and know its importance not only to Asheville but the entire Western North Carolina and also specially to this City of Waynesville, county seat of Haywood County.

I know, Senator, your disposition to be of service to the people, and at the same time your disposition to do nothing to stop development or interfere with vested rights; and your intimate knowledge of the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 10th, 1920, entitled "The Federal Water Power Act," in which legislation ample provision is made for the regulation of rates, service and securities in interstate business wherever the State has not provided a public utility commission; and absolute power is given in said Act for the regulation of interstate business whenever the individual States have not the power to act or cannot agree.

So as to rates for electric power we have authority given within North Carolina to the North Carolina Corporation Commission, and by Federal Law as to interstate business authority given to the Federal Power Commission.

The rights of the people as to this particular project are fully protected.

Furthermore as stated to you by the Mayor of Asheville, if license is given on or about March 5th, 1926 when work under the temporary permit is finished, the Pigeon River project should make additional power available for Western North Carolina by a definite time, to wit, by January, 1928, which date should see the completion of the entire enterprise.

The effect of this completion will be to materially promote the industrial and commercial future of all Western North Carolina. It will

## The National Park and the N. Forest

Why all the undue excitement over the park and the forest? To my way of thinking, there is need to go to either extreme on these subjects. An I see it, neither proposition is the least bit in the way of the other. As I have said in a previous article, we need, and should have both. It would be a calamity for any industry of any nature whatsoever to denude our beautiful mountains and destroy the very things for which we are famous—water, climate and scenery. On the other hands the calamity would be equally great to turn our whole country into a park. Therefore no industry should be allowed to reach at will to the tops of the mountains and the park should not reach to the foot.

Certainly the most tenable plan would be to set aside the highest area along the crest of the Great Smoky Range—dedicated forever untouched back to God who made, and to the world for whom it was made—with National Forests reaching up to a system of roads extending around these heights between the park above and the forest below. Then travelers "seeing America first," would perhaps come by the millions, and we may be sure that some of them would be attracted to the possibilities of water power for various industries—of orchards (with apples almost growing wild) of various crops, of pastures (producing cattle almost without effort)—of hotels and filling stations at every cross roads, and summer homes along every highway and byway.

Let the report even go out that lumbermen have ruthlessly cut over the mountains, and the tourist trade would suffer severely. Let the report go out that the whole thing was a park, and few industries—or anything but pleasure seekers—would land here. Since all these things contribute living conditions, we best consider them.

After all is said, it narrows down to the far-sighted and public-spirited of both groups to decide what is best—not only for the present, but for the future. We neither want barren mountains nor dead industries for the generations to come. We cannot expect any sane advice from the idle tourist or visionary theorist bent only on pleasure. Neither should we be governed by the plea for the fellow who shunts logs and never sees any further than the end of the flume and the trail to the grocery store. Both live for themselves and the immediate present.

Even with the Smoky Mountain Park on the heights and the National Forest on the slopes, the rest of us will have millions of acres left to be enjoyed just as heretofore, and these will be no earth quote in any event.

Both the forest and park are good, and with the two in operation, each in its proper place, our mountains together with all our varied interest will flourish more and more through the years.

Any way this is the finest piece of advertising for Western North Carolina that could possibly have been devised by the ingenious mind of man!

MRS. W. T. CRAWFORD.

### BALSAM NEWS.

Mrs. W. S. Christy left Wednesday of last week to visit relatives in Athens and Macon, Ga., and her daughters in Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. Grady Queen has returned from a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. W. Cuthbertson, at Almond.

Mr. Horace Burrice and family have moved here from Seed, Ga.

Messrs. W. G. Porter, Will Reed and John T. Jones went to Sylva Friday.

There will be a box supper at the Baptist church Friday night for the benefit of the church.

A large number of Balsamites attended the moving picture show in Waynesville Saturday night.

### LIST OF PREMIUMS WON IN THE 1926 N. C. FAIR.

The following is a list of premiums won by residents of Haywood county at the last North Carolina State Fair: Z. C. Davis, Waynesville, \$20.00, Fruits.  
A. C. Walker, Clyde, \$2.00, Flowers.  
A. C. Walker, Clyde, \$62.00, Sheep.  
James Calvin, Canton, \$2.00, Poultry.

## Record of Recent Marriage Licenses

Wm. R. Raines, Haywood to Mary Sue Medford, Haywood.  
H. Welch Singleton, Haywood to Lou Wells, Haywood.  
Frank Whittle, Haywood to Annie Clontz, Haywood.  
Dewey Rogers, Haywood to Maggie Green, Haywood.  
Harvey C. Flowe, Cabarrus County to Minnie V. Morgan, Haywood.  
Walker Norris, Haywood to Lena Gibson, Haywood.  
Henry Stephenson, Haywood to Georgia Brookshire, Buncombe.  
Willie Mease, Haywood to Lula Ledford, Haywood.  
Clifton Washburn, Haywood to Joan Burch, Towns County, Ga.  
Austin Pace, Haywood to Finney Gosnell, Macon.  
L. M. Sherrill, Jackson to May Moore, Haywood.  
Oden J. Buell, Buellton, Calr to Josephine Thomas, Haywood.  
George W. Semmes, Jacksonville, Fla., to Anna Ray, Haywood.  
T. H. Tilley, Haywood to Beulah West, Haywood.  
Clarence C. Crowther, Abbeville, S. C., to Elizabeth Zenor, Zax City, Miss.  
Lowmie M. Crawford, Haywood to Clyde B. Pressley, Haywood.  
Charle Mover, Haywood to Rena E. Bennett, Haywood.  
Elmer Head, Haywood to Annie McElroy, Haywood.  
Robert H. Gibson, Haywood to Harriett Brown, Haywood.  
Dewey M. Holland, West Palm Beach, Fla., to Margaret Francis, Haywood.  
Alvin Ford, Haywood to Ollie May Pope, Haywood.  
R. C. Ledbetter, Haywood, to Mrs. Burdell Marr, Haywood.  
Edgar Cope, Haywood to Helen Connor, Haywood.  
A. Hucky, Haywood to Vernie Burnett, Haywood.  
W. H. Whitted, Haywood to May Johnson, Haywood.  
Emory Gregg, Haywood to Vera O'Kelly, Haywood.  
David Francis, Haywood to Mayme Nichols, Haywood.  
Johnie Carpenter, Haywood to Fannie Carver, Haywood.  
Willie Rhinehart, Haywood Agnes Henson, Haywood.  
Volner Pressley, Haywood to Bertha Crawford, Henderson.  
Mark Hawkins, Haywood to Lillian Henderson, Haywood.  
Fain Gaddis, Haywood to Mrs. Cheerie Hall, Haywood.  
Oscar Robinson, Haywood to Pauline Cagle, Haywood.  
Judson Haney, Haywood to Ollie Lilly, Haywood.  
Moody Howard, Haywood to Lena May McKee, Haywood.  
Stanley Weaver, Buncombe to Mabel Williams, Haywood.  
C. J. Beasley, Haywood to Minnie M. Fish, Haywood.  
S. Ed Green, Towns County, Ga., to Margaret J. McClure, Haywood.  
Lsher Smathers, Haywood to Laura O'Neal, Haywood.  
Jesse C. James, Haywood to Connie Burnett, Haywood.  
Boone L. Robinson, Haywood to Della Blythe, Haywood.  
R. L. Rich, Haywood to Artie Wright, Haywood.  
O. S. Scott, Haywood to Mary Everhart, Haywood.  
Wh. Kimberly, Buncombe to Virginia Rotha, Haywood.  
Ople Jones, Haywood to Lela Wiggins, Haywood.  
Hobert Hoglen, Haywood, to Burr McElroy, Haywood.  
Cecil Colbert, Haywood to Zora Norton, Haywood.  
Crawford Jenkins, Haywood to Lena Messer, Haywood.  
A. D. Ammons, Haywood to Louise West, Haywood.  
Henry Blaylock, Haywood to Lena Norris, Haywood.  
James Blainf Moody, Haywood to Bessie Mauldin, Haywood.  
Lottie Robert McCurry, Yancey to Bernie Battles, Haywood.  
T. E. McGrow, Haywood to Roxie Higgins, Haywood.  
J. L. Albert, Transylvania to Frank Edward Adams, Swain.  
J. C. Crowser, Haywood to Eva Gudger, Haywood.  
Dillard Honey, Haywood to Louise June Lee, Haywood.  
L. D. Wells, Haywood to Lorena Talhan, Haywood.

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## Tremendous Real Estate Movement

From Jan. 1, 1926 to Feb. 1, 1926.  
E. E. Clark and wife, property in Beaverdam, to M. A. Chapman and wife. Consideration not mentioned.  
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J. O. Singleton and wife, property in Pigeon Township, to John D. Metcalf. Consideration \$100.  
H. A. Osborne and wife, lot in Canton, to H. T. Sharp. No stamp.  
W. J. Hampton, land in Canton, to W. T. Sharp. No stamp.  
Laura Abbott, land in Beaverdam Township, to S. H. Miller. No stamp.  
J. B. Rhodamer and wife, Amanda Rhodamer and John A. Rhodamer and Ona Rhodamer, land in Beaverdam Township, to W. T. Burnett and wife, Maggie Burnett. No stamp.  
J. H. Gossett and wife, Ethel L. Gossett, land in Canton, to L. E. Howell. Consideration \$300.00.  
T. G. Henderson and wife, Lena Henderson, land in the town of Canton, to J. T. Bailey. Consideration \$1,387.00.  
L. L. Harkins and wife, Blanch Harkins, property in Beaverdam Township, sold to J. T. Bailey. Consideration \$900.  
S. R. Coman, property in the Beaverdam Township, to Keller Everhart. Consideration \$600.  
W. J. Hampton, land in the town of Canton, to J. T. Bailey, H. A. Osborne and J. H. Kirkpatrick. Consideration \$1,000.  
W. Sam Robinson and wife, Elsie Robinson, property in the Beaverdam Township, to S. M. Robinson, Consideration \$100.  
S. H. Miller and D. C. Miller and wife, land in Beaverdam Township, to John H. Rhodamer. No stamp.  
Josephine Burriss, land in East Canton Township, to B. B. Burriss and wife, Ella Burriss. Consideration \$2,000.  
Estey Taylor and husband, D. W. Taylor, land in the Pigeon Township, to W. L. Ammons. Consideration \$100.  
L. D. Deaver and wife, Iva Deaver, land in Pigeon Township, to Annie G. Quinlan. No stamp.  
W. L. Reed and wife, M. L. Reed, land in the town of Canton, to A. A. Reed. Consideration \$2,200.00.  
P. R. Cook and wife, Altha Cook, land in Beaverdam Township, to A. W. Melton. Consideration \$1,000.  
H. Vernie Wright, land lying in Beaverdam Township, to C. G. Bryson. No stamp.  
Mrs. Mag Norma Cole and husband, W. E. Cole, land in the town of Canton, to W. P. Swafford and wife, Amanda Swafford. No stamp.  
H. C. Burriss and wife, M. E. Burriss, land in Beaverdam Township, to Fletcher King. Consideration \$225.00.  
M. C. Elder, land in Beaverdam Township, to J. C. Burnett and heirs. Consideration \$750.00.  
J. H. Banks and wife, Jessie Banks, land situated in Beaverdam Township, to Amanda Cogburn.  
Harley E. Wright and wife, Bessie Wright, land in Beaverdam Township, to Jessie Ford. No stamp.  
W. R. Palmer and wife, Alice Palmer, and H. C. Keener, land in Beaverdam Township, to D. H. Clark. Consideration \$1,000.

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## Lost City Explored By Waynesville Man

C. O. Turbyfill, formerly of Waynesville, N. C., has just completed the exploration of two caves in a deposit of rock salt situated about six miles south of this place, for the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, of New York City. During the course of the work many prehistoric relics were found which indicate that salt was mined in Nevada fifteen or twenty centuries ago.  
The work was started in November in connection with the exploration of the Lost City ruins, some eight miles distant, Mr. Turbyfill taking over its direction during the absence of M. R. Harrington, Archeologist in charge, and succeeding so well in uncovering and preserving the traces of ancient salt mining operations, that his work won a special letter of commendation from Governor Scrugham of Nevada.  
The principal cave consists of a series of vaulted chambers in the heart of a small mountain of solid rock salt, reached by a low and winding tunnel more than 300 feet long. The walls were covered with circular markings left by the ancient miners, and bat droppings ranging from 3 to 8 feet in depth. This deposit yielded the relics—hundreds of stone hammers used for mining salt, some of them still provided with their original wooden handles, sandals woven of plant fiber, worn by the ancient miners and lost or discarded during the course of their labors; corn-cobs, doubtless the remains of "roasting ears," brought in for lunches; a carrying bag, maybe a lunch bag, woven of plant fiber, pieces of bark and brush torches, a few scattered small beads, arrowheads and other odds and ends lost in the dim torch light, and scattered pieces of the pottery canteens and bowls in which the workers had brought their water and food.  
Most of the relics were in a perfect state of preservation, which is explained not only by the dryness of the cave, but also the salty character of the deposit in which the things were found.  
Pottery was considered an especially good find by the archeologists, because it furnished a clue to the age of the ancient salt mines, and the identity of the miners. It was found that this pottery, decoration and all, was the same as that found in the Lost City ruins, and was undoubtedly made by the same people at about the same time. This means that the mines were worked by the inhabitants of the Lost City, the age of which has been estimated at 1500 or 2000 years.  
When the loose deposit in the main chamber was removed, it was seen that the ledges of rock salt forming the original floor showed the same circular markings as had been seen on the walls. These were puzzling at first, but it was finally found that the ancient miners, unable to break off chunks from the flat face of the salt with their rude stone hammers, had discovered how to overcome the difficulty. They picked away with pointed stones at the salt until they had dug out a deep groove inclosing a circle 14 or 15 inches in diameter, then simply broke out with their stone hammers the salt remaining in the center of the circle. Then they repeated the process.  
The exploration of the ruins of the Lost City, otherwise known as Pueblo Grande de Nevada, discovered last year, will be continued. Already the remains of one unusually large adobe house comprising 26 rooms built around an oval courtyard has been nearly uncovered, and the excavation of another begun. The latter is deeply buried beneath desert sands, and will require much time to lay bare, but Messrs. Harrington and Turbyfill hope that it will yield a goodly store of relics to help the scientists reconstruct the life of these curious people who were raising corn and cotton in the southern part of Nevada about the time Christ was preaching His message to the world in Palestine.  
Among the relics thus far uncovered at the Lost City are cooking vessels, water jars, canteens and bowls, all made of pottery, some of them beautifully decorated with painted designs, smoking pipes made of stone, bone and pottery; awls made of bone; arrowheads, knives and drills made of flint; pendants and beads of shell and turquoise, and a

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## The News of Methodist Circles

Under the capable leadership of Dr. T. F. Marr the members of the Methodist church are making for a most active year of church work and growth. Dr. Marr's ability is well known throughout North Carolina. Twenty-six years ago he served as Presiding Elder here. Since that time he has served the following churches: Centenary church, Winston-Salem, Tryon Street Street, Charlotte, Wesley Memorial, High Point, Presiding Elder of the Winston District, Trinity of Charlotte, Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District, Hawthorne Lane of Charlotte, First Church of Salisbury and Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District.  
Mrs. S. L. Stringfield was at home to the members of the Young Peoples' Circle on Tuesday afternoon. This circle is one of the most active organizations of the church. Mrs. J. H. Way, Jr. has been the efficient leader for the past two years. Work for the next few months was outlined and all committees were appointed.  
All the members of the missionary society are urged to be present at the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon.  
On Tuesday evening, Feb. 9th, the Board of Stewards will meet at the home of Dr. S. L. Stringfield.  
Every one is cordially invited to attend the evening service on Sunday for the Boy Scouts.  
**3,000,000 OFFICE HOLDERS IN THE UNITED STATES.**  
We have 3,000,000 office holders in the United States, including those employed by the states, counties, cities and towns. The payroll for these public employes is \$3,000,000,000 a year, of which \$600,000,000 is spent by the federal government. Richard H. Dana, president of the National Civil Service Reform League, says that a quarter of the salaries are wasted in unnecessary work, bad management and out-of-date methods. Chief Justice Taft has suggested that the president receive power to make appointments to all local offices without senate confirmation, this power to be delegated to the civil service commission. This would free members of congress from the "importunities of patronage seekers."—Collier's.  
**THE MUSIC CLUB MEETS.**  
The Waynesville Music Club was reorganized January 30th, 1926. The following officers being elected: Miss Margaret Stringfield, president, Mrs. E. B. Camp, vice-president, Mrs. C. S. Smathers, secretary, Miss Fredricka Quinlan, treasurer. The first meeting will be February 17th with Miss Stringfield at her home on corner of Main and Walnut streets.  
**METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEET.**  
The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will be held in the church parlor Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 9th, at 3 o'clock with Mrs. T. F. Marr as leader.  
It is requested that every member be present with her year-book and that she be prepared to make her pledge for the year.  
**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We wish to express our thanks to our friends for their kindness during the illness and death of our wife and mother.  
R. E. Hyatt and Family.  
**CHEAPER FARM CAPITAL.**  
Bankers' organizations have been studying ways to supply the farmers with cheaper capital for agricultural purposes.  
Bankers become a hard-headed lot of business men in protecting depositors' accounts, but they are interested in the widest distribution of capital at the lowest possible rate of interest, making their profits on the enormous volume of business.  
They are anxious to see money safely loaned to farmers, for this means agricultural development and more business, for both the farmers and the banks.